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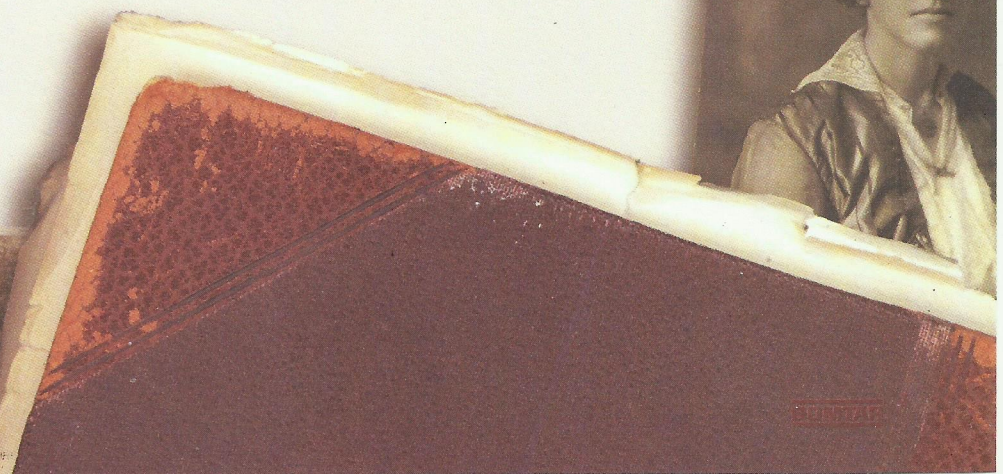
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*Theodore Robert McVay 1979*

The author has presented a comprehensive history of the migration of the Aaron Pinson Sr. family from Virginia to Kentucky to Missouri. Heavy on documentation with some speculation gives the reader a glimpsed into the migration of some of Aaron Sr's descendants to various parts of the United States.

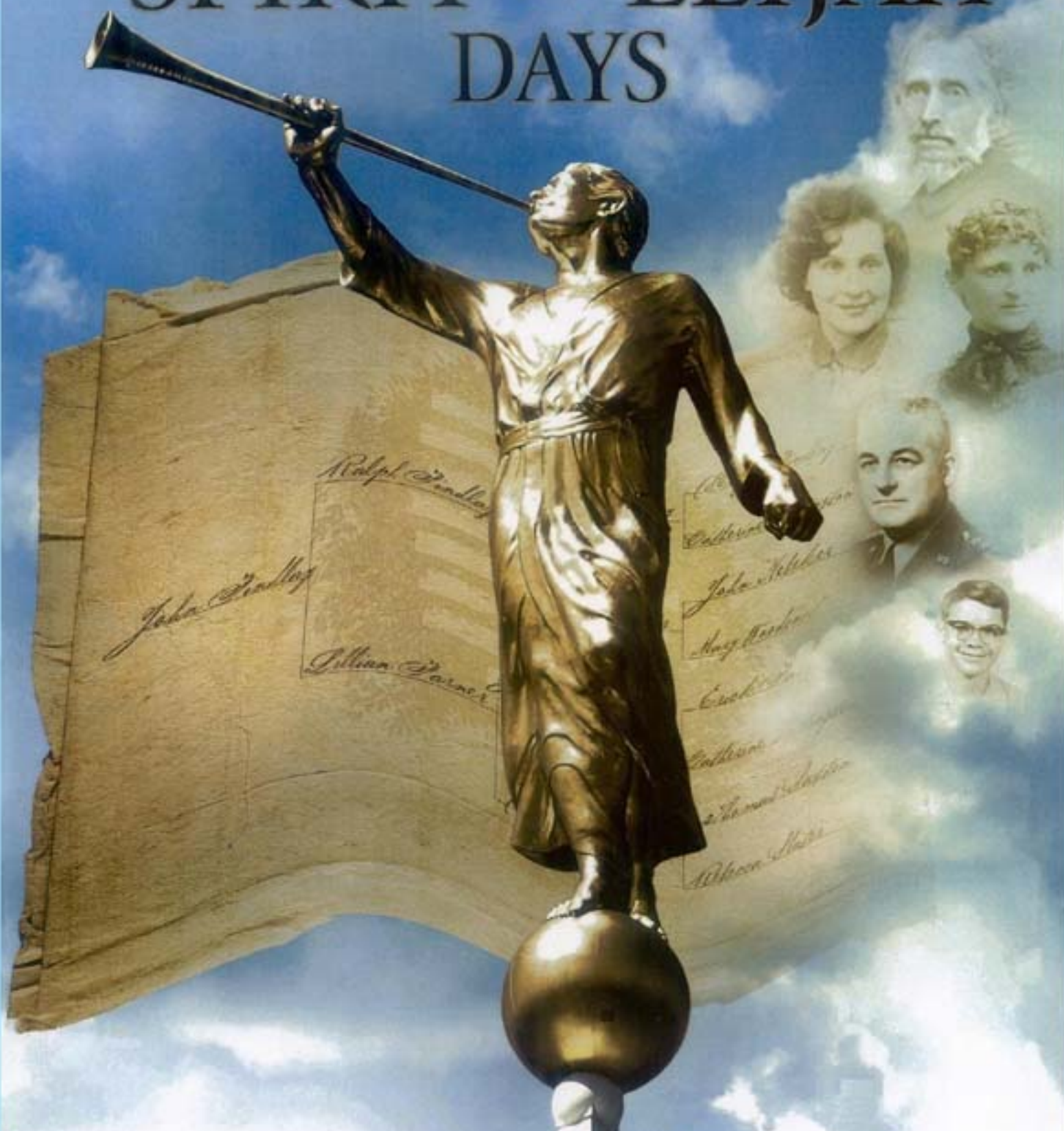
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# SPIRIT OF ELIJAH DAYS



**"BEHOLD, I WILL SEND YOU ELIJAH THE PROPHET BEFORE THE COMING OF THE GREAT AND DREADFUL DAY OF THE LORD: AND HE SHALL TURN THE HEART OF THE FATHERS TO THE CHILDREN, AND THE HEART OF THE CHILDREN TO THEIR FATHERS, LEST I COME AND SMITE THE EARTH WITH A CURSE. MALACHI 4:5-6**

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**INTRODUCTION****PINSONS OF MISSOURI****BY THEODORE "TED" ROBERT MCVAY 1979**

Mr. McVay presents a glimpse into the family history of various Pinson families. Starting with Rev. Aaron Pinson Sr. and following several of his descendants into Warren and Allen Counties of Kentucky, supported with documentation and census information.

Following the Pinson family's migration into Washington County, Missouri and points beyond. Mr. McVay presents an intriguing look into some of these families.

The following surnames appear in this publication:

Acosta, Adams, Allen, Anderson, Appleby, Atchinson, Baker, Bass, Belew, Blackwell, Bouse, Bowers, Brown, Burgess, Butler, Butts, Campbell, Cole, Collins, Compton, Cowan, Crow, Cudworth, Cummings, Dace, Daniel, Dobrinski, Dunaway, Duncan, Ehrke, Elledge, Erickson, Erni, Fowler, Getty, Gillard, Glover, Green, Gruell, Guye, Hall, Hamman, Hardy, Harmon, Harper, Hartle, Hartley, Hawkins, Hayden, Henry, Higginbotham, Hindman, Hinkson, Hoss, Huckaby, Huling, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Kimberlin, Litsey, Litton, Long, Mace, Maile, Mason, Maxwell, Meade, McDowell, McMullin, McVay, Merkel, Mitchell, Moore, Murphy, Neal, Ney, Noel, Northcutt, Owens, Parker, Paul, Payne, Pertuit, Pinson, Polk, Pore, Pratt, Ragpole, Ray, Rich, Richards, Record, Savage, Shaffer, Shirley, Shurley, Stephenson, Stovall, Summers, Sunday, Swingle, Thomas, Tidwell, Turley, Turnbull, Vichon, Warren, Welch, Whaley, Whitaker, Whitby, Williams, Wisdom, Wright,

This book contains, biographies, bible records, pictures and family stories of prairie life for the Pinsons.

Compiled with handwritten annotations by Floyd Thomas Pratt.

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In August of 1978, Neal Pinson, a cousin, ask if anyone in the family had any family history on the Pinsons. In compiling what was available from family records, it was soon realized that very little was known of my mothers family except that her parents and grand-parents came from Washington County Mo., around the area of Sullivan and Anthonies Mill, leaving there in the 1880's.

What started out as a simple listing of names, places, and dates from the family bible, soon was expanded to contact with other family members in search of additional information.

Wayne Pinson Jr., 1626 Suncrest, McPherson, Kansas produced a file on the Pinson family dating back to early correspondence between his father, Wayne Pinson Sr. and others of the same Pinson lineage. The most interesting and informative data in the Wayne Pinson file were a number of letters dating back to 1940 from Troy Jones who had been researching the Pinson's for many years. Troy Jones died in 1948 without having published the data he had collected. He lived in Laurens, SC and had access to much Pinson history dating back to the early 1700's.

A study of the Wayne Pinson file, especially the early letters of Troy Jones, produced the motivation for a more intensive search of our Pinson line. As a result of this two trips were made to Sullivan Mo. and to Potosi, Mo., the county seat of Washington Co. and one trip to Bowling Green (Warren County) and Scottsville (Allen County) Kentucky for the searching of county records. One of the early letters in the Wayne Pinson file was a photocopy of a letter from Troy Jones to Mrs. Marie Welch. A letter to Mrs. Welch brought an abundance of material she had collected over the years which was photocopied for further reference. Through Mrs. Welch correspondence was established with Mrs. Loreita Hayden of Okla. City, Willis Alma White of Huma, Alabama, and several others.

Without doubt, Mrs. Loreita Ridder Hayden of Oklahoma City has compiled more documented Pinson history than anyone currently researching the Pinson line. She wrote an article for the "Pinson Quarterly" Volume I, No. I, April 1978, covering Rev. Aaron Pinson who was a Baptist preacher in Laurens Co. SC in the 1700's. In this same issue, she gives much background information on two generations of Pinsons preceeding the Rev. Aaron Pinson, the first being Aaron Sr. who made his will in Lunenburg VA in 1758 and his son Aaron Jr. whose will was probated in 1801. Yes, there is an Aaron in all the Pinson families and a Joseph in most. In some, a Joseph Aaron. To "Pete" Hayden goes credit and much admiration for what has been documented on the forebearers of this branch of the Pinson family.

In order to keep the various Aaron's identified as to family, date, and place of birth, will be given with each mention; Aaron Pinson b. SC 1750, Joseph b. SC 1789, etc.





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It has been the intent throughout this study to establish direct lineage between Rev. Aaron Pinson of Laurens SC, his son Aaron Jr. b. NC about 1750, and Joseph b. SC 1789. Also, the relationship between Joseph Pinson b. SC 1789 and Zephaniah, Lot, Aaron, and Nathan. There is considerable evidence they were all brothers.

While no positive documented proof has been established with regard to these family ties, the end result of this study has produced a long list of the descendants of Joseph Pinson b. 1789 in SC who was a great, great Grandfather of the writer.

In addition to those previously mentioned, another Pinson researcher, who deserves much credit for the documented information herein, is Mrs. Cora Getty of Florissant, MO who has spent countless hours pouring over court records in Washington, Jefferson, and Crawford Counties of Missouri, where most of our line lived in the early and mid 1800's.

Quoting a line from Loreita Hayden:

"Any evidence which would controvert, confirm, or give added demension to any statement in this account is earnestly solicited."

Ted McVay-November 1979.

### REVERAND AARON PINSON OF LAURENS CO. SC

Reverand Aaron Pinson's birthdate is not known. He made his will on 21 February 1794, but there is no date of probate. He probably died sometime before the 1800 census was taken. The will and existing estate settlement papers establish that Rev. Aaron and wife Elizabeth had ten children:

Sons: John, Aaron, Joseph, Moses, and Issac.

Daughters: Jemina, Mary Pinson Cole, another daughter who was the wife of Thomas Shurley, a daughter who was the wife of Joseph Fowler.

One additional child who remains unidentified.

While there is documented data on son Joseph in his Revolutionary War file #W5560 and also on his brother Moses, our principal concern here is with the son Aaron Jr., almost every Pinson family seems to have an Aaron.

### AARON PINSON JR. (Aaron of Spartinsburg SC)

Born in Orange County NC around 1759, may have died in Allen County KY or in Washington County MO.

Aaron Jr., son of Rev. Aaron and wife Elizabeth, reportedly raised a large family of girls and boys in the Spartinsburg District of SC. In a letter written by Troy Jones (deceased) of Laurens, SC, who was an ardent Pinson researcher for many years, he states that Aaron Jr. had 6 or 7 sons. He believed the names of three were:





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Aaron, Zephaniah, and possibly Marmaduke. (Reference attachment to Troy Jones' letter of 12-2-1940 to Wayne Pinson). Troy Jones further states that this Aaron and some members of his family were members of the Friendship Baptist Church from 1800 to 1807 and about the year 1807 he took some members of his family to KY settling near Bowling Green in what was then Warren County. In 1815, Allen County was formed from that part of Warren County where Aaron Pinson and his family settled.

### **WARREN COUNTY-ALLEN COUNTY KY 1812**

The original marriage bonds of Warren Co. KY show that Aaron Pinson over 21 married Peggy Whaley with her fathers consent (Wm. Whaley) on January 24, 1812. Also:

Joseph Pinson over 21 married Betsy Baker, her consent by her father Elijah Baker on October 19, 1812.

Warren Co. Deed Book 6, page 151, refers to sale of land by Priscella Bowers. The document is dated 8/24/1812 and was witnessed by Joseph Pinson, Lot Pinson, and Traverse Duncan.

### **1816**

Allen Co. KY formed from part of Warren Co. in the year 1815.

In 1816 the plot for the county seat town of Allen Co. was laid out at Scottsville. Aaron Pinson purchased a lot in the city.

### **1820**

In the Allen Co. Census Index for 1820, we find: John Pinson, Lot Pinson, and Zephaniah Pinson. Total population of Allen Co. 5,377. Population of the city of Scottsville, 133.

### **1821**

Lot W. Pinson of Allen Co. KY was given a gift of a 4 month old slave girl by Mary Ray also of Allen Co. This document is witnessed by Zephaniah Pinson and Denton Parker and is on record in St. Francois Co. MO Courthouse, Book B, page 81. The document file date is not known but implies that Lot Pinson and Zephaniah were brothers. According to Mercedes Ray Pertuit, 887 High Street, Huma, Alabama 70360, who provided a copy of this document, Mary Ray who made the gift of the Negro girl to Lot Pinson was the wife of James Ray of St. Francois Co. MO. From this document we know Lot and Zephaniah were both in Allen Co. in Feb. of 1821.

Mercedes Ray Pertuit also states that Mary Ray's maiden name may have been Baker or Adams. The name Baker stands out since Joseph Pinson married Betsy Baker in Warren Co. in 1812.





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1833

Zephaniah Pinson left will in Allen County (not dated) proven July 4, 1833. He names wife Ruth and sons James W. and Oliver H. to receive bulk of the estate. To Levina Stovall a cow and calf. Josiah Pinson and James Pinson were named as administrators.

1815-1902

O. H. Pinson (same as Oliver Pinson) Allen Co. KY wills and settlements Book page 93, names Ruth Pinson his mother and James W. and Josiah Pinson share his estate. Also filed at Dallas Co., Texas 22 February 1858, Book of Wills 3 January 1859, Book page 103. Texas Pinsons are descendants from Zephaniah Pinson of Allen Co. KY.

Very little additional information has been learned from visits to Warren Co. and Allen Co. KY. The courthouse in Allen Co. burned in 1902 and most records were destroyed.

### THE WASHINGTON CO. MO. PINSONS

The first recorded evidence so far discovered places Aaron Pinson SC 1787, Nathan Pinson 1798, and Joseph Pinson 1789 in Washington Co. MO in 1825.

JANUARY 1825

Aaron Pinson and Nathan Pinson and Samuel Cummings purchase all rights, claims, and title of J. F. Guye in the interest of his dwelling house furniture, garden, blacksmith shop, and all tools, grocery store with contents therein, one sorrel mare, one bay horse, one grey mare, one wagon and three shot guns to their proper uses. Consideration \$118.00 to be paid to the estate of Wm. Jones deceased and the further sum of \$50.00 in hand paid. All property situated in Washington Co. MO, Union Township, Old Mines (a town).

Signed J. F. Guye

NOVEMBER 1825

Joseph Pinson and Thomas Longcof Washington Co. MO purchase the west 1/2 of SE QTr, Sect. 35, Township 38 N in Range 1, east of the 5th principal meridian in Washington Co. containing 80 acres purchased from John Hinkson. Consideration \$100.00. Recorded in Book B, page 217 13 November 1825.

1829

Joseph Pinson and wife Mary together with Thomas Long and wife Susan sell 40 acres, 1/2 of their 1825 purchase to John Compton including a house. Consideration \$200.00 26 Sept. 1829 (Document on hand but no indication of deed book or page number) recorded Washington Co. MO.





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1830-1840-1850

Prior to 1850 the U. S. Census included only the name of the head of the family, number of males and females with approximate age of each. Starting in 1850 birthdates and place of birth were given along with Christian names of wife and children. Pinsons are first listed in Washington Co. MO in the 1830 census. They continue to be listed through 1880 and later. There are still many Pinsons in Washington, Crawford, and Jefferson Co. The same families listed in 1830 are listed in 1850 and each 10 year period thereafter. In 1850 the names, ages, and place of birth is given for each member listed. By checking ages given in the 1850 census and after, against approximate ages given before 1850 for the same head of family, it can be established beyond doubt that these families are the same, living in the same county and township year after year. From ages given in 1850 and after, the year of birth can be established for those listed in 1830-1840.

### CENSUS OF 1830-WASHINGTON CO. MO

#### AARON PINSON

Males including head of household:

1 10-15 yrs., 1 15-20, 1 40-50, 1 80-90

Females:

1 10-15, 1 30-40, 1 70-80

This family is important to this study as it includes only one name. Aaron Pinson. He could be Aaron Pinson 80-90 or he could be Aaron Pinson 40-50. It depends on who was considered head of the household. In the 1840 census, this family is listed, Aaron Pinson 40-50, but the elder male who was 80-90 and the elder female who was 70-80 in the 1830 census are no longer listed. It is most probable that they died during the period after the 1830 census and before the 1840 census. If the elder male who was 80-90 in 1830 was Aaron Pinson, it follows that the sons name was also Aaron since he is listed in the 1840 census 10 years older, 50-60. His wife is now 40-50. His two sons are now 20-30 and his only daughter is now 15-20. Was the elder Aaron Pinson who was 80-90 in 1830 (born between 1740-1750) Aaron of Spartinsburg, born in Orange Co. NC about 1850?? All evidence points to this but there is no conclusive proof. Nothing has been found in Washington Co. No wills, estate papers or gravesite. No doubt he and his wife lie buried somewhere in Washington Co. or in an adjacent county.

The Aaron Pinson whose age in the 1830 census was given as 40-50 was born in SC in 1787 according to his age of 63 and birthplace of SC given in the 1850 census. His wives name was Margaret. This corresponds to the Aaron Pinson who married Peggy (Margaret) Whaley in Warren Co. KY in 1812.

1836 Bond \$200<sup>00</sup>

Aaron Pinson as principal was appointed guardian of Samantha Whaley, daughter of James P. Whaley deceased, 3 May 1836. Aaron Pinson signed



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his name. Samuel Long signed as Security and John Whaley made his mark as Security.

1847

Aaron Pinson was administrator of the estate of John Whaley as evidenced by an accounting of funds during the May term of court for Washington Co. MO.

DECEMBER 21-1854 BOND \$6,000<sup>22</sup>

Augustus Hawkins and Lot J. Pinson are appointed administrators of the estate of Aaron Pinson deceased, who died intestate. Augustus Hawkins and L. J. Pinson signed as administrators, Nathan Pinson and Austin Hawkins signed as Securities.

Jerome Pinson who was living with Aaron Pinson in 1850, age 31, (born 1819 in KY) and his wife Mary Ann, 25, were not named as heirs of Aaron Pinson. Jerome, however, did serve unofficially as an administrator paying taxes and debts of the estate. Receipts made out to Jerome Pinson, administrator, were honored by the court. Jerome is listed as a son of Joseph and first wife Betsy Baker, birthdate given as 1819 KY which corresponds to the 1850 census. Jerome was most certainly a nephew of Aaron b. SC 1787 who was most certainly a brother to Joseph b. 1789 SC. Jerome married Mary Ann Pinson (parents unknown) 8 June 1845, recorded in Jefferson Co. MO, Book of Marriages.

There is no date of death given for Aaron Pinson of Washington Co. Augustus Hawkins paid off a note on November 28, 1853 on behalf of the estate and received a receipt as administrator. Aaron died therefore prior to November 28, 1853. Probate court packet #791 covers the estate settlement Washington Co., Potosi, MO.

Miss Valle Higginbotham, 154 E. Citadel Dr., Potosi, MO 63664, is a great granddaughter of Elizabeth Hawkins and Augustus Hawkins. In the estate papers Elizabeth is named as an heir and daughter of Aaron. Other heirs named:

Paulina Pinson-Mitchell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cole

Augusta Ann Pinson Owens

The heirs of Iris Pinson Mitchell (deceased)

The heirs of son L<sup>W</sup> W. Pinson.

Lot J. Pinson and Margaret Pinson widow-

signed: Augustus Hawkins--administrator

L. J. Pinson--administrator

### THE PINSON CEMETARY

The graves of Augustus and Elizabeth Hawkins and that of L<sup>W</sup> J. Pinson were found in the Pinson Cemetery near Blackwell, MO known in the early years as Blackwell Station. The headstone for L. J. Pinson carries the masonic emblem, born 25 December 1818, died 18





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December 1881. Inquiry has been made of the masonic lodge for additional history on L. J. Pinson. The Pinson Cemetary at Blackwell, MO is in bad shape. Many stones are missing and many broken. It is probable that Aaron Pinson b. SC 1787 who died in Washington Co. before November 28, 1853 is also buried there and the possibility exists also that Aaron of Spartinburg and his wife may also be buried there.

### **BLACKWELL MO.**

Blackwell lies some 30 miles SE of Sullivan MO and appears to be in Jefferson Co. near the Washington Co. line. Concerning the first family of Joseph Pinson b. KY 1789, a verbal account of this family given by Joseph Aaron Pinson b. MO 1861 (Uncle Joe) and typed up by his son Joseph Wayne, Uncle Joe says that Harve Pinson (son of Joseph 1789) lived near Blackwell Station and Jerome who was his full brother lived in Jefferson County. They apparently lived close together. This is the same Jerome Pinson, the only one found in MO and he lived with Aaron Pinson who was b. SC 1787.

Blackwell was probably never more than a railroad spur and remains so today. In 1979, it has a post office, a masonic lodge building, and a few scattered houses, no more.

The name Whaley is prominent in the area of Blackwell and many early Washington Co. court records refer to Whaley. One such reference;  
Wm. Whaley Sr. died intestate  
Jerimah Blackwell and Wm. Whaley appointed  
administrators, recorded 5 April 1832.

Approximately one mile west of the post office of Blackwell is a farm home with driveway and mail box. On the box are three names, all Whaley. If permission can be obtained, passage through the farmyard will gain access to the Pinson Cemetary. Another route is a lane a few hundred yards further west which will provide entry from the north. Many dogs in the farmyard caution is advised, Whaley's were not overfriendly.

### **JEFFERSON CO. MO. CENSUS 1840-1850 GALLOTIN TOWNSHIP 1840**

Lot Pinson 40-50  
2 males 10-15, 1 15-20  
1 female 5-10, 1 15-20

### **1850**

Lot Pinson 55 Garpender, SC (born 1795)  
No others listed.

He is living with Joseph McMullen and family. Lot is apparently now a widower, his family have grown up and left.



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### WASHINGTON CO. 1850 UNION TOWNSHIP

|              |                  |           |
|--------------|------------------|-----------|
| Aaron Pinson | 63, farmer, born | SC (1787) |
| Margaret     | 56, wife, "      | SC (1794) |
| Jerome       | 31, farmer, "    | KY (1819) |
| Mary Ann     | 25, "            | MO (1825) |
| James        | 3, "             | MO (1847) |

### UNION TOWNSHIP

|                               |           |      |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|------|-----------|
| Nathan Pinson                 | 52 farmer | born | SC (1798) |
| Susan                         | 40 wife   | "    | MO (1810) |
| Elizabeth Bellows             | 19        | "    | MO (1831) |
| (She is certainly a daughter) |           |      |           |
| Sarah Pinson                  | 17        | "    | MO        |
| John Pinson                   | 14        | "    | MO        |
| Franklin Pinson               | 12        | "    | MO        |
| Caroline "                    | 9         | "    | MO        |
| James "                       | 7         | "    | MO        |
| Iris "                        | 5         | "    | MO        |
| Mary Bellows                  | 1         | "    | MO        |
| Thomas Bellows                | 2/12      | "    | MO        |

### JOHNSON TOWNSHIP

|               |           |      |           |
|---------------|-----------|------|-----------|
| Joseph Pinson | 61 farmer | born | SC (1789) |
| Mary "        | 41        | "    | KY (1809) |
| John "        | 19        | "    | MO (1832) |
| Evaline "     | 16        | "    | MO        |
| Susan "       | 14        | "    | MO        |
| Joseph "      | 12        | "    | MO        |
| Zephaniah "   | 9         | "    | MO        |
| William "     | 7         | "    | MO        |
| Sarah "       | 6         | "    | MO        |
| Mary "        | 2         | "    | MO        |

From the 1850 census, we now have 4 Pinsons all born in SC.

|        |      |
|--------|------|
| Aaron  | 1787 |
| Joseph | 1789 |
| Lot    | 1795 |
| Nathan | 1798 |

The presence of all these Pinsons in Warren and/or Allen Co. has been documented. They all came to the same area in MO around 1825. They must be brothers, and must all have been sons of Aaron of Spartinsburg who went to Warren Co. KY in 1807, and he probably died in Washington Co. MO between 1830-1840.

Joseph Pinson b. SC 1789. It has herein been documented that Joseph came to Washington Co. MO as early as November 1825 when he and Thomas Long purchased 80 acres of land together. Family records





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and his gravestone also give evidence that he was born in SC in 1789. Marriage records in Warren Co. KY show that he was married there to Betsy Baker in 1812. Family records passed on, show members of his two families. Census records confirm their names and birthdates with place of birth. Compiling all these data, we can come up with children of the two families.

#### THE TWO FAMILIES OF JOSEPH PINSON

| FIRST FAMILY       | BORN             | DIED        | MARRIED                   |
|--------------------|------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| JOSEPH PINSON      | SC 16 May 1789   | MO 4/7/1876 | 10/19/1812<br>Betsy Baker |
| BETSY BAKER PINSON | BEFORE 1829/1830 |             |                           |

\*ELIJAH PINSON KY 1818 MO 9/1898 Margaret E.  
(Margaret E. listed as wife of Elijah 1850 Census b. Mo. 1820)

JEROME PINSON KY 1819 Mary Ann Pinson  
(Jerome married Mary Ann Pinson 8 June 1845, she was b. Mo. 1825)

HARVE PINSON KY 1825  
(In 1850 census of Washington Co. MO lives with Turley family, an uncle)

\*MALINDA PINSON KY 1818 7/11/1833  
Wm. Summers

CAROLINE PINSON 1828 3/14/1846  
(Book B, page 20, Washington Co. Marriages) Issac Harper

ELIZABETH PINSON 1831-1832 Issac Harper ?  
(We believe Caroline died and Issac married Elizabeth, her sister, but can find no record of marriage vows.) See Harper, 1850 census.

| SECOND FAMILY      | BORN            | DIED         | MARRIED     |
|--------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|
| JOSEPH PINSON      | SC 16 May 1789  | 7 April 1876 | Mary Willet |
| MARY WILLET PINSON | KY 16 Mar. 1809 | 4/3/1899     | 1827/1831   |

(A family account says that Mary Willet came from KY riding horseback with her uncle whose name was Val Summers. Her uncle had been in KY visiting his sister. Birthdate confirmed from census.)

MATILDA PINSON MO 1/8/1830 MO 1846 died at age 16

JOHN WILLET PINSON MO 1/6/32 KS 5/11/18 2/17/53  
(was father of Benjamin F. Pinson) Ellen Harmon

EVALINA PINSON MO 2/28/34 MO 2/16/65 4/15/53  
Wm. Belew

SUSAN I. PINSON MO 5/25/36 MO 1881 1833-1900  
Joseph Whitby

\*Twins



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JOSEPH AARON PINSON    MO 8/6/38    MO 6/20/22    Minerva Glover  
1842-1918

ZEPHANIAH PINSON    MO 1/11/40    IL 1865  
(Was taken prisoner by Yankee soldiers during Civil War for hiding family horses and resisting. Died in Yankee prison, East Alton IL. Married Nancy Shirley 12 Sept. 1861, Book C, p. 13, Washington Co. Marriages.)

WILLIAM A. PINSON    MO 12/28/42    Ellen Susan Burgess  
b. 1845

SARAH <sup>LIZABETH</sup> PINSON    MO 1/28/44    3/24/65 17 JUN 1869  
"LIZIE"    Roland Bass  
JACOB HENRY PRATT

FRANCIS PINSON    MO 8/10/46    MO 1846

MARY (POLLY) PINSON    MO 5/10/48    MO 1923    John Grewell  
1847-1910

MELZENA ANN PINSON    MO 5/18/51    MO 3/19/27    3/3/72  
Thomas (Tobe) Record

MELVINA PINSON    MO 5/18/51    MO 7/16/54    Died at 3 yrs.

### CHURCH MEMBERSHIP OF JOSEPH PINSON AND FAMILY 1834-1852

Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Washington Co. MO, Liberty Township, originally located 8½ miles north of Potosi Mo. on what is now highway 185. Location of church was just south of Ebo.

Mary Pinson joined Sunday 24 Aug. 1834.

Joseph Pinson joined 23 Sept. 1834 at camp meeting.

Joseph nominated a deacon 22 May 1852, confirmed at following church meeting.

Caroline Pinson joined in 1836.

Matilda Pinson joined April 1837.

Eveline Pinson joined 1848.

Jack, (John Willet) joined 25 Sept. 1852.

Susan joined 23 Oct. 1852.

Joseph Aaron joined 24 July 1852.

All members joined by experience and not by letter. Additional information on Joseph's church activities has been requested from the Missouri Baptist Historical Commission, Liberty, MO.





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### FAMILY

|                              |            |            |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|
| JOHN WILLET PINSON           | b. MO 1832 | d. 1918 KS |
| ELLEN HARMON                 | b. OH 1834 | d. 1910 KS |
| SARAH PINSON BASS            | b. MO 1853 | d. 1921 MO |
| ELIZABETH PINSON MAXWELL     | b. MO 1855 | d. 1923    |
| BENJAMIN FRANKLIN PINSON     | b. MO 1857 | d. 1916 OK |
| JONAS HARMON PINSON          | b. MO 1859 | d. 1942 KS |
| JOSEPH AARON PINSON          | b. MO 1861 | d. 1938    |
| MARY CATHRINE PINSON NOEL    | b. MO 1864 | d. 1887    |
| MARTHA ALICE PINSON GREEN    | b. MO 1869 | d. 1930    |
| PHOEBE ELLEN PINSON WILLIAMS | b. MO 1870 | d. 1956    |

#### **SARAH PINSON BASS**

1st Child of John Willet and Ellen Harmon Pinson

Married Roland Bass 4 Dec. 1879. Lived out her life on a farm near Steelville, Crawford Co. MO.

Children: 1. Claude Bass-wife Pearl  
Claude Jr.  
Roland and Rowens (Twins)  
Lad  
2. John Bass  
Several children-no names

Several Bass families still living in and around Steelville.

#### **ELIZABETH PINSON MAXWELL**

2nd Child of John Willet and Ellen Harmon Pinson

Married Henry C. Maxwell 18 Oct. 1879.

Children: Ethel Maxwell Johnson  
Ray  
Lillian

#### **BENJAMIN FRANKLIN PINSON**

3rd Child of John Willet and Ellen Harmon Pinson

Married Anna Jane Kimberlin in Washington Co. MO 20 April 1879.



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### CHILDREN

|                                                        |             |              |                      |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------|
| BERTHA                                                 | b. 3/28/80  | d. 9/6/80    | Crawford Co. MO      |
| WALTER WILLET                                          | b. 10/7/81  | d. 2/10/62   | Tulsa, OK            |
| ALBERT BERT                                            | b. 10/16/83 | d. 8/20/65   | Fayetteville, AR     |
| CARRIE ALLICE PINSON MAILE                             | b. 9/10/85  | d.           | Tulsa, OK            |
| JESSIE ELLA PINSON McVAY                               | b. 9/1/87   | d. 6/7/67    | Van Nuys, CA         |
| NILES ORVILLE PINSON                                   | b. 12/19/89 | d. 9/16/66   | Tulsa, OK            |
| JOHN JACOB PINSON                                      | b. 12/19/96 | d. 10/26/71  | Tulsa, OK            |
| BENJ. FRANK PINSON, JR.                                | b. 4/9/99   | d. 11/11/01  | Woodward Co. OK Ter. |
| OPAL ANN PINSON RICH<br>(Now living in Grove, OK 1979) | b. 11/9/01  | survives, b. | Woodward Co. OK Ter. |

### CHILDREN OF JACOB AND DELILA KIMBERLIN IN THE ORDER OF BIRTH

MARY EMMA  
CHARLES FRANKLIN  
PHOEBE FRANCIS, married Eli ? , Phoebe died young leaving a large family  
MINERVA, married Luther Crow  
ANNIE JANE, married Benjamin Franklin Pinson, a double wedding with sister Minerva.  
WILLIAM HENRY  
RHENARD, died in infancy  
JOHN, killed at age 21 when thrown from a horse  
BENJAMIN EDWARD, made Cherokee strip run into OK with Ben Pinson in 1893, staked his claim just north of Blackwell. Lost first wife in childbirth. Returned to rural area around Sullivan, Washington Co. and married Dora Northcutt.  
JULIA, married Will Harmon, no family. Lived in Skistook OK for a time.  
ORVILLE

### CHILDREN OF BENJAMIN EDWARD KIMBERLIN & FIRST WIFE NANCY JACKSON

\*JESSIE BAKER, 417 Watson, Sullivan, MO 63080  
\*HAZEL HALL, 432 Watson, Sullivan, MO 63080

### CHILDREN OF BENJAMIN EDWARD KIMBERLIN & SECOND WIFE DORA NORTHCUTT

ETHEL SHAFFER, Sullivan, MO (Ethel K. Shaffer, 515 Springfield, Sullivan, MO 63080)  
MYRTLE ALICE, died at 18 months.





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**CHILDREN OF WILLIAM HENRY KIMBERLIN & SUSAN JACKSON  
(Sister of Nancy)**

WALTER, deceased  
ELBA KIMBERLIN LITTON, lives in California  
OSCAR, deceased  
BENJAMIN, deceased  
GLADYS KIMBERLIN MERKEL  
SCOTT (HENRY), deceased  
\*CATHRINE KIMBERLIN ERNI

**CHILDREN OF ORVILLE KIMBERLIN & SADIE SUMMERS**

HALLIE KIMBERLIN COLLINS, deceased  
\*ALMA KIMBERLIN SUMMERS, 451 Grandview, Sullivan, MO 63080.  
Tel: 468-4920  
ERNEST KIMBERLIN, Bolivar, MO  
\*JOHN LOUIS KIMBERLIN, Bourbon, MO  
RUSH KIMBERLIN, deceased  
FERN KIMBERLIN RICHARDS, Bolivar, MO  
MORRIS KIMBERLIN, Bourbon, MO  
FREDA KIMBERLIN BROWN, Sullivan, MO

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON SULLIVAN AREA KIMBERLIN'S**

EUGENE KIMBERLIN, deceased, was a son of Charles Franklin  
CLYDE KIMBERLIN, son of Eugene, Bourbon, MO. Married Hazel Dace.  
TRACY KIMBERLIN, son of Clyde, lives in Sullivan area

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\*Visited with these Kimberlins October 21, 22, and 23, 1978.  
Information on the family provided by those visited. Much of  
the credit to Alma Summers and her keen memory.



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FAMILY OF JACOB AND DELILA KIMBERLIN  
PARENTS OF ANNE KIMBERLIN, WIFE OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN PINSON

Back row standing, left to right

Susan Summers

Sadie Summers Kimberlin, wife of Orville holding son John L.

Minerva Kimberlin Crow, wife of Luther Crow

Emma Kimberlin Campbell, first married George Summers who died young, she then married George Campbell.

Charles F. Kimberlin

Eliza Kimberlin

Jessie Kimberlin Baker, daughter of Benjamin Edward & first wife Nancy Jackson.

Orville Kimberlin

Mary Paul, daughter of Charles Summers (seated) with granddaughter on lap, Gladine Paul.

Benjamin Kimberlin

Myra Summers Bause, niece of Charles Summers

Annie Kimberlin Turnbull, daughter of Charles & Eliza Kimberlin.

Named for Annie Kimberlin Pinson, (not shown)





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Seated left to right  
Mollie Compton, neice of Susan Summers, standing with hand on shoulder  
of Mollie.  
Delila Kimberlin  
Ernest Kimberlin  
Jacob Kimberlin  
Gladine Paul, seated on lap of grandfather, Charles Summers.  
Charles Summers  
Hallie Kimberlin Collins, daughter of Orville & Sadie Summers Kimberlin  
Alma Kimberlin Summers, daughter of Orville & Sadie Summers Kimberlin  
Ethel Kimberlin Shaffer, daughter of Benjamin Edward Kimberlin &  
Dora Northcutt Kimberlin.

Photo taken about 1908.

IDENTIFICATION OF PERSONS BY ALMA KIMBERLIN  
SUMMERS, SULLIVAN MO.

NOTE: Charles Summers and Minerva Kimberlin Crow shown in this  
photograph, were listed as students in the 1865 subscription  
school. Others, (students) of the school are members of family  
but not shown in photo.

### CHILDREN OF BEN F. AND ANNE PINSON

#### BERTHA PINSON

1st Child of Ben and Anne Pinson

Born 28 March 1880, died 6 Sept. 1880, Crawford Co. MO.



**WALTER WILLET PINSON**



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**WALTER WILLET PINSON**  
2nd Child of Ben and Anne Pinson

Born 7 Oct. 1881, Crawford Co. MO. Died 19 February 1962, Tulsa, OK.

Uncle Walt lies buried at Hillside Cemetary, Skiatook, OK. Skiatook Blacksmith for 50 years. Never married. Continued living with his mother in Skiatook after his fathers death in 1916 of a shop accident. "Uncle Walt" continued to run the shop known as "B. F. Pinson's Sons Blacksmith and Machine Shop." Uncle Walt's lifetime ambition was to "strike it rich" in gold prospecting, his most ardent interest, get married and raise a family. A tall handsome man in his early years he had many ladies on the string but only by correspondence. His lady friends were known as, "The League of Cousins" who corresponded by postal card. Uncle Walt was a fine man. A devoted Christian who read his bible and in his earlier years seldom missed church or prayer meetings. A hard worker, honest and generous to a fault. He left this world a far better place because of his presence here for 80 years.

**ALBERT BERT PINSON**  
3rd Child of Ben and Anne Pinson

Born 16 Oct. 1883, Crawford Co. MO. Died 20 Aug. 1965, Fayetteville, AR. Married 1st Vernice Mae Butts, born 5 Jan. 1885.

### Children:

- 1st: LEO ALBERT PINSON- Born 25 Feb. 1906 in OK, died in CA unmarried in the 1940's.
- 2nd: PAULINE PANSY PINSON-Born 9 Aug. 1907 in OK.
  - M. 1st-Everett Parker
    - Son: Delbert Ewell b. 7 Dec. 1928.
  - M. 2nd-Ray O. Cowan b. 12 April, 1912
    - Dau: Darline Marie b. 9 Nov. 1933.
- 3rd: NILES GILLEN PINSON-Born 22 Oct. 1908 in OK, died
  - M. 1st-Minabell Huling b. 20 Feb.1912.
    - Son: Donald Gillen Pinson, Sr. b. 5/18/32, d. 5/22/73
  - M. 1st: Alta Hamman 11/1947
    - Dau: Theo Dena b. 11/13/48
  - M. 1st: Frank Whittaker 1966
    - Son: Lee Whittaker b. 4/3/67
    - Dau: Teressa Whittaker b. 12/69
    - Dau: Jennifer Whittaker b. 2/73
  - M. 2nd: Donald Hartley, Bellvue, WA
    - Son: John H. Pinson b. 1/9/49
  - M. 2nd: Carlien Wisdom 1/15/56
    - Dau: Debra Gillen Pinson b. 10/29/56
  - M. Robert Ney II 8-1973
    - Son: Robert Ney III b. 1/3/74
    - Dau: Aileen Renee Ney b. 6/3/76
  - Son: Donald Gillen Pinson, Jr. b. 6/15/58
  - M. Kathleen M. Hardy 1/14/78
- M. 2nd-Theo Cathrine McVay 2/4/36 Re-wed 10/22/37





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4th: IRENE LEOTA PINSON-Born 11/28/10 in OK. Married Erick Ehrke  
in CA.

5th: LILIAN CONSTANCE PINSON-Born in OK 5/18/ .

M. Oscar Lee Butts

Son: Oscar Lee Butts, Jr. b. 2/27/33 CA

Albert Bert married second wife Lucy Ann b. 1/9/1898. Died 12/2/78  
10/29/78.

CARRIE ALICE PINSON  
4th Child of Ben and Anne Pinson

Born 9/10/85 in Harper, KS. Died Tulsa, OK.

M. 1st: Newton, Waterloo, IA

M. 2nd: Albert Maile, Tulsa, OK

Son: Albert Maile, Jr., adopted

JESSIE ELLA PINSON  
5th Child of Ben and Anne Pinson

Born 9/1/1887 in Harper KS. Died 6/7/67 in Van Nuys, CA.  
Married 7/1/07 Thomas Frank McVay b. 3/23/75 IA. Died 2/?/46.

Son: Wm. Frank b. 9/12/09 OK

M. 1st: Miss Allen, Tulsa, OK

M. 2nd: Mable Stein Vichon b. 12/21/12 ( Mabel)

Son: Jesse McVay b.1/31/53 in Ca. Jesse Thomas  
(D. D. U. S. Army 1979) (Dentist)

Dau: Theo Cathrine McVay b. 3/5/11 OK

M. Niles Ellen Pinson b. 10/22/08 OK

Son: Theodore Robert McVay b. 4/4/14 OK

M. Vera Armfield Acosta on 11/12/39 TX

Dau: Maxine Carrie McVay b. 3/14/16 OK

M. 1st: Hindman, Skiatook, OK

M. 2nd: Maurice F. Polk, CA

Dau: Betty Jane McVay b. 6/14/21 OK

M. Wm. D. Savage, CA

Sons: 1. Mack Vay Savage b 8/14/56

2. Richard Dean Savage b 9/14-1957

3. Michael Wayne b. 2/13/59, CA

Son: Stephen James McVay b. 3/30/23, OK

"Sunny Jim" unmarried in '79 in CA. Living in San Francisco  
in 1979.

NILES ORVILLE PINSON  
6th Child of Ben and Anne Pinson

12/9/89

Born in Harper, KS. Died 9/16/66 in Tulsa, OK

M. 1st: Bessie Daniel(Osage) b. 12/16/1895.

Son: Paul Cecil Pinson b. 3/28/16 OK

M. Pauline Thomas

Dau: Diane Pinson Hartle b 12/24/51 dau. Elise b 6/25/68

Dau: Lois Jane Pinson b. 12/11/17 d. 3/10/78



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M. Roy Huckaby 3/27/1947  
 Son: David (adopted) b. 3/17/54  
 Son: Wiley O. Pinson b. 8/1/20 d. 6/10/73 (Orville)  
 M. 1st Gwen Cole, Skiatook, Ok. 1941  
 M. 2nd Jackie ?  
 Son: Randy Wiley Pinson (adopted) b. 3/14/46. (USN)  
 M. Vickie Lynn Gillard B. 12/13/46  
 Dau: Janie Lynn Pinson b. 7/4/67  
 Son: Randy Wiley Pinson b. 7/17/70  
 DAU: DAU: Kristy Pinson Anderson b 3/11/52  
 M. Mark Anderson, Phoenix AZ.  
 Son: Mark Robert Anderson B. 8/17/71

Note: First child of Niles O. Pinson & Bessie Daniel was Mercedes,  
 a daughter, b. 6/15/13, d. 4/ / 15.

2nd: Wayne Atchison Wed. 11/16/35 in OK. Born Josephine  
 Mason, placed in St. Annes Home, 5301 Page Blvd., St.  
 Louis, MO, when she was 2 days old on 3/9/96. Adopted  
 by Lew Appelby, Skiatook, Indian Territory 2/20/1899.  
 Raised by Aunt Jane Appelby near Hominy Falls, Skiatook,  
 OK, married 1st, John Atchison, 2nd, Niles O. Pinson, Nov.  
 16, 1935. Josephine Mason Appelby Atchison Pinson.

JOHN JACOB PINSON  
 7th Child of Ben and Ann Pinson

Born 2/19/96 in Blackwell, OK (Indian Territory). Died 10/26/71  
 in Sand Springs, OK.

Born in a sod house in what is now Kay County, OK where his father  
 staked his claim during the Cherokee Strip land run in 1893. Old  
 homesite is just west of Blackwell, the next ¼ section east of the  
 Ray Ellledge farm.

M. Grace Lowder, McDowell b. 8/17/1897, Wed. July 4, 1918.  
 Son: Neal Irwin Pinson b. 3/29/32, Tulsa, OK.  
 M. Ethel Winifred Hoss 9/13/42  
 Dau: Alice Elane Pinson b. 5/6/43  
 M. Michel Erickson 3/12/63  
 Sons: Mathew b.  
 Mark b.  
 Dau: Heather b.  
 Son: Neal Irwin Pinson, Jr. 8/18/49, Elk City, OK  
 M. Patricia Mace  
 Dau: Tammy  
 Dau: Sherri  
 Dau: Elisa Ann Pinson b. 10/19/58 Concord, CA  
 Son: John Donald Pinson b. 3/13/27, Skiatook, OK  
 M. Louise Warren  
 Dau: Marcia Lynn b. 4/22/52, Tulsa, OK  
 M. Floyd Henry  
 Dau: April Daniel b. 11/23/78





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Son: Donald Lee b. 9/24/56, Sand Springs, OK  
Dau: Kimberly Sue b. 5/1/66, Atwood, KS  
Dau: Tamera Kay b. 5/1/66,

**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN PINSON, JR.**  
8th Child of Ben and Anne Pinson

Born 4/9/1899 in Blackwell, OK. Died 11/11/1901 in Woodward, Co., OK.

**OPAL ANN PINSON**  
9th Child of Ben and Anne Pinson

Born 11/9/01 in Woodward, Co., OK. Born two days before the death  
of her infant brother Benny Frank.

M. Carl Rich in Independence KS, May 20, 1951. Now lives in Grove,  
OK 1979.

**JONAS HARMON PINSON**  
4th Child of John Willet and Ellen Harmon Pinson

Born 5/5/1859 in MO. Died in Wichita, KS in 1942.

M. 1st: Ida Pewthers (? Spelling) 9/2/1885  
Son: Otto W. Pinson, Valley Center, KS  
Dau: Mable Irene Pinson, School Teacher  
Ruth Palmer Pinson, Cheney, KS  
2 children and grandchildren names unknown.  
M. 2nd: Bertha Stephenson Regpole Pinson

**JOSEPH AARON PINSON**  
5th Child of John Willet and Ellen Harmon Pinson

Born 9/16/1861 Mo. Died 10/12/1938 in OK.

M. 1st: Mary or Elizabeth ? 4/7/1886  
m. 2nd: Anna Tidwell 12/31/1891  
Son: Joseph Wayne b. 10/6/1892, KS (Runnymede)  
M. Amy Viola Cudworth 1/7/15  
Dau: Ester Belle b. 10/18/16  
Dau: Lola Marie b. 6/28/18  
M. Willard Dobrinski 6/26/38 KS  
Son: Joseph Wayne Jr. b. 5/28/21  
M. 1st: Corrinne Louise Pore 12/21/41  
Son: John Wayne b. 3/4/47  
M. Molly Darline Moore 6/13/68  
M. 2nd: ?  
Son: Ellis Rex b. 3/12/1895 Runnymede, KS. Died 12/28/56  
Tulsa, OK.  
M. Vivian Neal 9/1921  
Son: Rex Jr.



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**MARY CATHRINE PINSON**

**6th Child of John Willet and Ellen Harmon Pinson**

**Born 3/24/1864 in Washington Co. MO. Died 10/23/1887 in Harper, KS.**

**M. John Noel b. 3/11/58 Wed. 5/10/1884**

**Dau: Bessie Edith Noel b. 11/10/1884**

**M. O. F. Litsey 9/9/1903**

**MARTHA ALICE PINSON**

**7th Child of John Willet and Ellen Harmon Pinson**

**Born 2/8/1869 in MO. Died 11/4/1930**

**M. Ellis P. Green 8/26/1896**

**No Children**

**PHOEBE ELLEN PINSON**

**8th Child of John Willet and Ellen Harmon Pinson**

**Born 12/20/1870 in MO. Died**

**M. Rev. C. M. Williams 10/3/1895**

**Son: Paul b. 1/16/1900, Amherst, MA, twins**

**Dau: Laura New Brittain, CT**

**Son: Dwight b. CA-1902, K. C. MO, twins**

**Dau: Cathrine NY, NY**

**For further study of descendants of Joseph b. SC 1789 refer to the Washington Co. MO census microfilm covering the years after 1850, available in most large city libraries. Some members of Joseph's first family are listed in early MO census 1830-1840-1850.**

**Attached hereto are other data covering the life and times of Joseph Pinson and descendants.**





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**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN PINSON & ANNA JANE KIMBERLIN PINSON  
BY TED MC VAY, GRANDSON**

Benjamin F. Pinson was born April 14, 1857 near Anthonies Mill, Washington Co. Missouri, died from a shop accident in Skiatook, OK. September 6, 1916. Anna Jane Kimberlin Pinson was born in the same area in Washington County Mo. February 28, 1861, died Skiatook, Oklahoma February 23, 1950. Both are buried at Hillside cemetery north of Skiatook.

Ben and Anna were married in Washington Co. MO April 20, 1879. They first met when Anna came from the spring with a pail of water for her folk's house. Ben was riding by on a horse and ask for a drink. Anna gave him a dipper of water and after drinking some of the water he threw the rest on Anna's bare feet. This account was related by Mary Dunaway as told to her by Anna. Mary Dunaway was a stepdaughter of Bert Pinson, second son of Ben & Anna.

Little is known of their early life in Crawford County except that they had two sons there. Walter Willet born October 7, 1881 and Albert Bert born October 16, 1883. Their first child Bertha born March 28, 1880 died September 6, 1880.

A handwritten note from Jonas Pinson, brother of Benjamin, states that John Willet Pinson and Ellen Harmon Pinson with their entire family except a sister Sara, all left Washington Co. in 1882 and went to Harper, Kansas. John Willet Pinson and Ellen Harmon Pinson were the parents of 5 girls & 3 boys, Benjamin, Joseph and Jonas. The note says the date was October 1, 1882. It is known that John Willet's mother, Mary Willet Pinson is buried at Harper so she must have been included.

Ben Pinson with wife Anna and sons Bert and Walter also left Crawford Co. Mo. probably in the spring of 1884. They too went to Harper Co. Kansas. During their stay in Harper County the following children were born:

Carrie Alice, September 10, 1885  
Niles Orville, December 19, 1889

Jessie Ella, September 1, 1887

There is little known as to the activities of the family while in Harper Co. Ben probably had a shop there since it is known that he had a shop in the city of Sullivan, Mo. in Washington Co. prior to leaving that area. It was in the shop at Sullivan where he and Ben Kimberlin, brother of Anna started a doubletree factory in their blacksmith shop. The doubletree was later patented by Ben Pinson and was produced later in shops he operated in Blackwell and Skiatook, Okla. They were known to have lived through the cyclone which struck the Harper area, 1890.

From all available information Ben and family left Harper shortly before September 16, 1893 and went to a point near Honeywell, Kansas



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Their first home in the claim was a large sod house, one room, made from sod sliced from the ground with a sod plow probably made by Ben for the purpose. Ben Pinson was industrious and a hard worker. Being a master mechanic and craftsman he made what he needed and soon opened a blacksmith shop in the town of Blackwell in partnership with Rudy Sunday. He later had a shop near his claim. Rumor has it that Ben Pinson and Ben Kimberlin agreed to disagree and did not operate a shop together after leaving Sullivan, Mo.

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of the run soldiers were lined up along the border at  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile intervals and as the starting shot was fired each in turn fired his rifle as a signal that the run was on.

Ollie Payne remained on the farm in Harper Co. until after his father staked his claim. His first trip to the claim was with a wagon load of household goods arriving about 10 PM they stopped at the Pinson claim and he was greeted with much enthusiasm and hand pumping by Bert Pinson who made him feel really welcome. Ollie and his father and brother John made several more trips to Harper Co. by wagon to bring household goods and farming equipment and stock for their farm.

Ollie and sister Ruth went to school with Bert and Walter Pinson and with their sisters Jessie and Carrie. Their School was a dug-out room, dug out of a creek bank and covered over with tree branches and sod for a roof. Ollie related one incident in which a cow walked across the roof of the school and one leg broke through. Ollie and Ruth could not praise the Pinson family enough and both said that Ben and Annie were the greatest.

Ollie Payne tells of the windmill Ben Pinson made all from wood which worked perfectly. Seems the windmill was running in a stiff breeze when son Walter decided to stop it. Walter climbed the tower and stuck a steel rod through the blades. Needless to say, about half the blades were broken off before the thing stopped and when Ben came home in the evening Walter got a thrashing.

Another incident related was that Ben's hogs were getting out of the pen and Ben was trying to get them rounded up, all the time calling for Walter to come help him. As Ben would chase after one hog another would get out and he would chase after first one then another. All this time calling for Walter to come help him. Finally in desperation Ben stopped and called out in a loud voice, "Walter you SOB, where in hell are you?"

Ben Pinson had a blacksmith shop in Blackwell in partnership with Rudy Sunday who was married to the sister of Ruth Payne, Minnie Payne. Ben later had a shop near the road across from his claim just west of Blackwell. Ollie Payne said Ben Pinson was a master craftsman and a hussler who always made money. After living for a time in the sod house Ben built a fairly large frame home on the claim.

Ollie Payne remarked that Annie Pinson told of the cyclone which hit Harper Kansas while they were living there and Ollie says he also remembers the cyclone which hit the area about the year 1900.

One incident told by Ollie Payne involved Niles Pinson, third son of Ben & Annie. As a kid Niles was always a cut-up, was very active and always trying to get out of work. He would run, do cartwheels and stand on his head but would not work. He was also noted for his CUSSIN. On one occasion when he observed the milk cow giving birth to a calf he remarked to his mother; "Jesus Christ Maw did that thing really come out of old bossie?"





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Ollie says than Ben Pinson had a short temper. He would get mad as a hornet very quickly but would cool off just as quickly. Ollie seemed to think his boys would deliberately torment him just to rile him up. He tells of Ben and his stud horse which he usually rode but had him harnessed to a buggy and he balked. Ben always carried a double barrel shotgun in the buggy with him and he got so mad at the horse that he poked him in the ribs with the shotgun until he moved. Ollie seemed to think he might have shot the horse on the spot if he had not moved and if the gun had accidentally discharged it would have blown the horse in half.

Ollie Payne told in vivid detail the events covering the Pinson family's move from Blackwell to Woodward County, Oklahoma territory where Ben Pinson had bought a section of land in an area then known as "PERSIMMON FLATS." This was the name given to an area and there was no town or village nearer than the town of Woodward. Annie Pinson and my mother Jessie have mentioned this area many times. Ben bought the land with the intent of setting himself up in the cattle business and he had a herd of some 70 head of cattle to drive west as he took his family on this trip. Since Benny Frank was an infant at the time having been born at Blackwell in April of 1899, and Opal Ann was not yet born, it follows that the year must have been in the spring of 1900. Also, Ollie went along on this trip and remarked it was in the spring as the cattle were eating new wheat along the route.

This move westward from the claim at Blackwell included and was made up as follows:

1. Ben Pinson 43, son Niles 11, rode horseback. Niles was supposed to help with the cattle but Ollie said he goofed off most of the time exploring along the trail.
2. Walter Pinson 19, driving a hay wagon piled with household goods trailing a spring wagon behind with four hogs.
3. Bert Pinson 17, driving the feed wagon with grain for the horses.
4. Annie Pinson 39, driving the chuck wagon with sons John, 4 and Benny Frank, about 6-7 months old, daughters Carrie 15, and Jessie 13.
5. Ollie Payne on horseback herding 70 head of cattle. Ollie was 18 at that time.
6. Norris (NON) Butler with own wagon & team on hire, farm equipment, etc.
7. Perry Meade with own wagon & team on hire, farm equipment, household supplies.

As they traveled farther west into the scrub oak country, the spring



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wagon which Walter was trailing apparently struck a blackjack oak without Walter's knowledge and broke the tounge. Unaware of what had happened, Walter continued on for some distance. Ben Pinson bringing up the rear found the spring wagon on the trail with the hogs still inside and had to ride ahead to turn Walter around. Back at the spring wagon they cut an oak, made a new tounge and continued on. Ollie says Walter also had a blue tick hound bitch named "BIPPO." The dog was in heat and Walter had to keep her in the wagon with him, tied to the wagon seat.

At noon they would stop for some lunch and they always bedded the cattle down for a couple hours rest. On one such occasion Walter had a bull whip and was among the cattle popping the whip trying to get the cattle up. Dad Pinson told him to leave the cattle until everything else was ready to move out, that they needed the rest. Walter paid no attention to his dad, Ben got mad and started after Walter, Walter ran and they had a real race. When Ben was about to catch him, Walter threw the whip back over his head and really lit out. Ben, still mad but winded came on back to camp and Walter stayed in the brush until his dad cooled off. Ollie Payne says that Annie took it all in and was laughing all the while.

Ben Pinson also had a prize herford bull on this trip and the bull was slowing down the drive as it was busy mounting the heffers. They tied the bull to the feed wagon and Bert drove off with the bull behind but he would not lead. The bull went down and Bert kept going. All the time the bull's horns would dig into the ground. Ben was shouting at Bert to stop but Bert pretended not to hear him. They finally got Bert stopped and the bull up before he broke off his horns.

Bert Pinson was a heavy sleeper and in the mornings Ben would pound on him to get him awake. Ollie Payne says this was an everyday affair before they could get Bert up in the morning. On one occassion before the trip west Bert was to work for a man the next day and he spent the nite at the mans house. Next morning the man could not wake Bert, even by pounding on him. He then put two heavy blankets over Bert and shaded the windows with more blankets and left Bert to sleep. Bert slept till noon in the darkened room and when he came out he was wringing wet.

Crossing the Cimarron River they drove the cattle across first then returned to take each wagon over. They had no problems in the crossing.

The most amusing incident related by Ollie Payne involved Walter and his dad. Seems they had arrived at Persimmon Flats at the point they decided to build their house and were unloading the wagons. Walter was on the hay wagon throwing articles down to his dad who was on the ground. During a lull in the unloading, Ben was looking around at his new ranch leaning against the wagon





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when Walter threw down a feather comforter which landed on Ben's head and shoulders knocking him to the ground. Ben came up fighting mad and went after Walter who ran from one end of the wagon to the other and Ben on the ground trying to catch him. Ben soon cooled off as usual and Annie laughing at the entire affair.

Their stay in Woodward County was apparently brief as Ben made the trip from Woodward to a plot of ground near 11th Street and Peoria Streets in Tulsa sometime about 1903. From there to a farm near Owasso, northeast of Tulsa and from there to Skiatook, Okla. in 1905.

While in Woodward County, Opal Ann was born November 9, 1901 and Benny Frank died there two days later, November 11, 1901.

Apparently this is the end of the article "The Pinsons of Missouri" by Theodore "Ted" Robert McVay. My reason for offering this article to the public is to preserve Mr. McVay's hard work and research for future interested family members.

### **THEODORE "TED" ROBERT MCVAY**

by *Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I.* 7 December 2014

Theodore "Ted" Robert McVay was born 4 April 1914 in Skiatook, Tulsa County, Oklahoma, United States son of Thomas Franklin "Frank" and Jesse Ella (**PINSON**) McVay of Iowa and Kansas respectively.

Sometime in the early 1940's Ted married Vera Gladys (**ARMFIELD**) born 27 November 1906 in Sedgwick County, Kansas, United States. Vera is the daughter of William Robert and Florence Estelle (**HELMICK**) Armfield of Texas and Michigan.

Ted and Vera's locations are well documented on [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com). Vera died on 5 April 2001 at Skiatook, Osage County, Oklahoma, United States and Ted died on 17 January 2013 while a resident at the Schowalter Villa, Hesston, Emma Township, Harvey County, Kansas, United States. Both are buried at the Hillside Mission Cemetery, Skiatook, Tulsa County, Oklahoma, United States.

My family connections to the Pinsons are through the Kimberlin family, especially Benjamin Franklin Sr. and Ann "Annie" Jane (**KIMBERLIN**) Pinson whom are my 1<sup>st</sup> cousin 3 times removed.

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# Pedigree Chart for Floyd Thomas "Tom" Pratt F. H. C., M. A. G. I. by Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I.

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| 4  | Columbus B A Pratt                  | b. 1 December 1893<br>p. Hamilton Hollow, Johnson ~<br>m. 12 April 1919<br>p. Bourbon, Boone Twp, Crawford<br>d. 27 July 1947<br>p. Bourbon, Boone Twp, Crawford    | 8  | Henry Winslow "Win" Pratt | b. 6 September 1869<br>p. near Osage Post Office, J~<br>m. 29 January 1893<br>p. Vilander, Liberty Twp, Crawford<br>d. 24 March 1914<br>p. near Crow's Creek, Boone~ | 16 | Alexander "Alex" R. Pratt  | b. March 1831<br>d. 1912                 | 32 | Henry Pratt             | b. 1800-1803<br>33 Nancy Carter   |
|    |                                     |                                                                                                                                                                     |    |                           |                                                                                                                                                                      |    |                            |                                          |    |                         |                                   |
| 2  | Floyd Theodore "Ted" Pratt          | b. 6 January 1927<br>p. near Bourbon, Boone Twp, Crawford~<br>m. 1 March 1947<br>p. Saint Clair, Central Twp, Franklin, M~<br>d.<br>p.                              | 9  | Mary L M Missé Missey     | b. 20 February 1874<br>p. Johnson Twp, Washington~<br>d. 17 April 1938<br>p. Bourbon, Boone Twp, Crawford                                                            | 17 | Mary Kimberlin             | b. 1835<br>d. 1876-1880                  | 35 | Frances Jane Peters     | b. 1805<br>36 Jean B Missé Missey |
|    |                                     |                                                                                                                                                                     |    |                           |                                                                                                                                                                      |    |                            |                                          |    |                         |                                   |
| 5  | Rue Flavilla Johnson                | b. 19 March 1894<br>p. Bourbon, Boone Twp, Crawford~<br>d. 26 June 1983<br>p. Briarwood Manor Nursing ~                                                             | 10 | Judge J M Johnson Sr.     | b. 29 September 1854<br>p. Moselle, Central Twp, Frank~<br>m. 14 May 1884<br>p. Liberty Twp, Crawford, Mis~<br>d. 21 May 1941<br>p. Bourbon, Boone Twp, Crawford     | 18 | François C Missé Missey    | b. 5 July 1845<br>d. 26 April 1916       | 38 | Benjamin "Ben" Talbott  | b. 4 January 1826                 |
|    |                                     |                                                                                                                                                                     |    |                           |                                                                                                                                                                      |    |                            |                                          |    |                         |                                   |
| 1  | Floyd T Pratt F. H. C., M. A. G. I. | b. 3 January 1948<br>p. City Hospital #1, 1515 Lafayette Av~<br>m. 14 August 1972<br>p. Tyler Place United Presbyterian Ch~<br>d.<br>p.<br>sp. Bonnie Kathleen Bach | 11 | Mary Jane T Barton        | b. 18 January 1861<br>p. near Pine Mountain Post Of~<br>d. 10 June 1913<br>p. Walnut Street, Bourbon Vil~                                                            | 19 | Cynthia N. Talbot          | b. 3 April 1848<br>d. 28 March 1896      | 40 | Benjamin Johnson        | b. 12 February 1818               |
|    |                                     |                                                                                                                                                                     |    |                           |                                                                                                                                                                      |    |                            |                                          |    |                         |                                   |
| 6  | Peter Conley Brown                  | b. 12 January 1893<br>p. Sharon, Weakley, Tennes~<br>m. 16 March 1924<br>p. Dyer, Tennessee, United S~<br>d. 3 December 1972<br>p. Halls, District #8, Lauderdal~   | 12 | John A. Brown             | b. May 1844<br>p. Perry, Tennessee, United ~<br>m. 18 November 1891<br>p. Dresden, Weakley, Tenne~<br>d. 31 July 1928<br>p. Nashville, Hermitage, Davi~              | 20 | Martin Johnson             | b. 22 March 1805<br>d. 27 September 1859 | 42 | William Osborn          | b. 23 November 1769               |
|    |                                     |                                                                                                                                                                     |    |                           |                                                                                                                                                                      |    |                            |                                          |    |                         |                                   |
| 3  | Delores "Doe" Virginia Brown        | b. 31 October 1925<br>p. City Hospital #1, 1515 Lafayette Av~<br>d. 1 March 1981<br>p. Queen of Angels Hospital, 2301 Bel~                                          | 13 | Obedience "Bedie" Lackey  | b. 6 February 1871<br>p. near District 8 Post Office, ~<br>d. 14 January 1924<br>p. Western State Hospital, Bol~                                                     | 21 | Comfort Osborn             | b. 10 June 1814<br>d. 26 April 1877      | 44 | John Milton Barton      | b. 1784                           |
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| 7  | Olga Elmiria O'Daniel               | b. 11 March 1907<br>p. Island 21, Dyer, Tennessee~<br>d. 7 October 1993<br>p. Los Angeles, Los Angeles~                                                             | 14 | James Leonidas O'Daniel   | b. 15 December 1869<br>p. near Rutherford Post Offic~<br>m. 22 May 1897<br>p. Dyer, Tennessee, United S~<br>d. 8 March 1921<br>p. Baird-Dulaney Hospital, Dy~        | 22 | William "Billy" Barton     | b. 20 November 1831<br>d. 7 January 1922 | 46 | Rev. Jonathan King      | b. 1807                           |
|    |                                     |                                                                                                                                                                     |    |                           |                                                                                                                                                                      |    |                            |                                          |    |                         |                                   |
| 15 | Daisy Dean Bell                     | b. 7 September 1881<br>p. District #19, Walnut Grove~<br>d. 14 May 1920<br>p. Jackson Crossing, Civil Dist~                                                         | 23 | Harriet King              | b. 23 July 1834<br>d. 3 February 1920                                                                                                                                | 24 | Joseph Brown Jr.           | b. 1827<br>d.                            | 48 | Joseph Brown Sr.        | b. 29 April 1808                  |
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| 31 | Hettie M. Jackson                   | b. 16 December 1861<br>d. 19 April 1902                                                                                                                             | 25 | Catherine                 | b. 1825<br>d.                                                                                                                                                        | 26 | William Stevenson Lackey   | b. 20 October 1822<br>d. 7 July 1893     | 50 | Enos Lackey             | b. 1785                           |
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| 30 | John Franklin "Frank" Bell          | b. 1 July 1850<br>d. 1892-1893                                                                                                                                      | 27 | Nancy Basket Moseley      | b. 11 October 1827<br>d. 20 September 1875                                                                                                                           | 28 | Stephen C. O'Daniel        | b. 5 December 1812<br>d. 1881            | 52 | Luvina Beard            | b. 1797                           |
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| 62 | Alexander Jackson                   | b. 1840                                                                                                                                                             | 29 | Elizabeth Ellen Gordon    | b. 1840<br>d. 1872                                                                                                                                                   | 30 | John Franklin "Frank" Bell | b. 1 July 1850<br>d. 1892-1893           | 54 | Alexander O'Daniel Sr.  | b. 1785                           |
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| 63 | Mariah "Mary" Ledbetter             | b. 1840                                                                                                                                                             | 31 |                           |                                                                                                                                                                      | 32 |                            |                                          | 56 |                         | b. 1785                           |
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## A Little Something About Your Author.....

### *Floyd Thomas Pratt, F.H.C., M.A.G.I.*



At the age of 19, Tom Pratt embarked on a career in law enforcement. This experience gave him training in detective and investigative skills. Little did Mr. Pratt know, how useful these skills would be in the field of genealogy.

Tom Pratt started his family research career in 1975 after becoming a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. His first calling as a new member was to serve in the newly created genealogical department or known today as the Family History Center in the Springfield, Missouri ward. This two-year calling gave Mr. Pratt a tremendous amount of experience helping others to research their families.

In fact, he felt family research came easy and required little effort on his part. In reality, years of reading and studying increased his expertise and he made it look easy to others.

Over the course of several years, Mr. Pratt was asked by his church to instruct several family history courses. This experience established a deep profound love for family and ancestors.

It was not uncommon for Mr. Pratt to spend 4 to 8 hours a day researching and compiling family histories in addition to his duties, as an entrepreneur in the insurance business.

The first major achievement for Mr. Pratt was a breakthrough on his Pratt family back to the early 1800's. Not satisfied with just the direct line research, Mr. Pratt branched out to research all connected lines and allied families.

This dedication led to 42,000 individuals and achieved expert status for Mr. Pratt on the families of middle and eastern Missouri, eastern and western Tennessee and central North Carolina.

Concerning Mr. Pratt's style of research, he is a strong supporter of the "hands on" approach. When he took family vacations, they usually went to libraries, cemeteries, courthouses, National Archive centers, and visited family members in various states. He attended multi-state family reunions and obtained his material from the actual sources when possible.

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Being a researcher of the highest degree, in 1991, Mr. Pratt formed the Pratt Publications Company and offered to the public, a series of books titled, The Pratt Progenitor Papers. This series of volumes are a collection of legal documents, stories, pictures and historical presentations concerning the families of Missouri, Tennessee and North Carolina.

The first three Volumes were released to the public in 1991 and were issued to 18 different libraries including the Library of Congress and the St. Louis Public Library. The next 7 volumes were published with at total of 43 volumes scheduled for publication.

In 1996, Mr. Pratt formed the Genealogical Institute to further the education of serious researchers.

The Genealogical Institute offers a series of educational materials to teach and instruct the uninitiated in the procedures of family history research. These courses offer “a hands on” curriculum designed to instruct in investigative, deductive reasoning and logical procedures for tracking your family history.

Beginners and experienced researchers have found a treasure chest of knowledge when undertaking these courses. Mr. Pratt has taken the hobby of genealogy and has enhanced it into a science. Heavy on instructions concerning documentation, research procedures, alternative sources and common public records, this course is a valuable tool for the researcher. One of Mr. Pratt’s favorite sections of the course is teaching researchers “how to stop” researching and compile their information for publication.

Upon completion of the educational courses from the Genealogical Institute, the graduate is awarded the **Master Accreditation** of the Genealogical Institute. (**M.A.G.I.**)

This designation is equivalent to a Doctorate Degree and signifies the recipient has been trained and demonstrated superior research techniques.

Mr. Pratt’s ability in family history research has amazed many educated researchers. When Mr. Pratt is asked for help concerning their “brick wall” in their family research, his quick wit and logical mind rapid fires instructions and procedures so fast they cannot write the material quickly enough. Little do they realize this knowledge has been acquired over 30 years of experience and research.

In June of 2000, Mr. Pratt undertook a new and unprecedented task.

Outside of Washington, Franklin County, Missouri is an old cemetery called the Johnson-Caldwell Cemetery. This cemetery has many pioneer heroes and ancestors of various descendants from that region. Some of the inhabitants were born in the 1750’s and traveled west to Missouri after the 1803 Louisiana Purchase.



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Mr. Pratt took down all the information off the headstones, including every person in the cemetery and researched each individual related or not. 1000 man-hours and two years later, he published the book "Johnson-Caldwell Cemetery of Franklin County, Missouri"© 2001.

Obtaining newspapers, legal documents, personal interviews with ancestors and researching various sources for any and all information concerning the history of the cemetery and the inhabitants produced this master text. What makes this book stand out among the rest is basic content and structure.

First, it is the only book to cover the known and reported inhabitants of an entire cemetery.

Second, this book reports on each inhabitant, their birth and activities throughout their life until their death, including their ancestors, spouses and children.

Third, even the index is unique, listing the individual and their father's name if known. This is extremely helpful when several individuals have the same given name.

Upon examination, professional researchers have hailed this body of work as a masterpiece and a standard in which all future research of cemeteries should be based. In their opinion, no one has ever produced a body of work about a cemetery as unique and professional as this publication.

Currently, Mr. Pratt is working on a series of books from the [Pratt Archive Collections](#), which is a series of biographical publications concerning a progenitor and a generation of descendants. This collection is a "cradle to grave" report, which covers the subject's ancestry, birth, marriage, children, and geographical domiciles as well as the political environment during the subject's lifetime.

In addition, Mr. Pratt is working on additional volumes of the Pratt Progenitor Papers and several books on public records.

With all these accomplishments, Mr. Pratt humbly refers to himself as a Genealogical Anthropologist...resurrecting progenitors.

We in the genealogical world are deeply grateful to be associates of a man of Mr. Pratt's caliber. Through his dedication to helping the novice as well as the professional researcher, future generations will benefit by his advances in the genealogical field.

In addition, we are thankful for the inspiration that sparks men like Mr. Pratt to magnify their love for people and history. We feel, with a lifetime dedicated to the genealogical pursuit of truth and knowledge, Mr. Pratt's accumulative body of work, will stand as a quintessential manifestation of this divine love.

Lewton Cole, Chairman  
Genealogical Institute